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SUBJ: UGANDAN ATTACKS AGAINST THE SECRETARY CEASE

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BEGIN SUMMARY. THE FRG AMBASSADOR TO UGANDA REPORTS THAT AMIN HAS REFRAINED FROM FURTHER CRITICISMS OF THE SECRETARY SINCE THE LUSAKA SPEECH AND SUGGESTS THAT THE SECRETARY CONSIDER TELEPHONING AMIN FROM NAIROBI. END SUMMARY.

THE FRG FOREIGN OFFICE HAS PASSED US THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE SENT THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 3 BY THE FRG EMBASSY IN KAMPALA (WHICH REPRESENTS US INTERESTS THERE), FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE DEPARTMENT.

BEGIN TEXT

1. UGANDAN GOVERNMENT, SINCE LUSAKA STATEMENT, REFRAINED FROM FURTHER CRITICISM OF AFRICA TOUR BY SECRETARY OF STATE, DR. KISSINGER. WHILE LUSAKA STATEMENT REMAINED UNMENTIONED, AMERICAN PROPOSAL FOR SAHEL ZONE RECEIVED ATTENTION IN OBJECTIVE WAY. SOME BITING COMMENTARIES CONTINUED TO APPEAR IN NEWSPAPERS, CONFIDENTIAL

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BUT GOVERNMENT STOPPED ALL COMMENTS.

2. AS I HEARD FROM RELIABLE SOURCES, PRESIDENT AMIN REALIZED THAT LUSAKA STATEMENT AND DAKAR PROPOSAL ARE POPULAR WITH LARGE NUMBERS OF AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS AND THAT IT MIGHT NOT PAY TO CONTINUE ATTACKS ON AMERICANS. AMIN IS SAID TO BE FAVORABLY IMPRESSED HIMSELF BY NEW AMERICAN POLICY. NEW ATTACKS ON KENYA AND USA WHICH WERE EXPECTED ON LABOR DAY, ESPECIALLY SINCE SITE OF CELEBRATIONS ON SHORT NOTICE WAS CHANGED TO MBALE, NEAR BORDER TO KENYA, INSTEAD OF FORT PORTAL IN WESTERN PART OF THE COUNTRY, WERE NOT MADE. AMIN INSTEAD SPOKE OF GOOD RELATIONS WITH KENYA. FOR HOW LONG THIS WILL LAST, REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

3. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT SECRETARY OF STATE CONSIDER TO AT LEAST TELEPHONE AMIN FROM NAIROBI, ADDRESSING HIM IN CAPACITY OF OAU CHAIRMAN. AMIN IS KNOWN TO HAVE GOOD RELATIONS WITH OTHER RADICAL LEADERS IN AFRICA, AND THEREFORE MIGHT BE OF HELP TO AMERICAN POSITION, AS AMIN DID ON ANGOLA ISSUE, WHEN HE SUPPORTED PRESIDENT FORD'S MESSAGE UNTIL THE (LAST) POSSIBLE MOMENT. ELLERKMANN. END TEXT.
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